

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.-10. (Canceled).

11. (New) A method for capturing a still image in a real time system, comprising:
displaying a preview image on a display unit of an image capture device, the preview image being in a buffer region of the capture device;
pausing displaying the preview image being displayed on the display unit of the image capture device, the preview image remaining in the buffer region of the capture device;
capturing the preview image by copying the preview image remaining in the buffer region of the capture device to a storage of the image capture device, the storage being different from the buffer region;
re-executing a preview by displaying the preview image on the display unit;
processing the preview image in an image processing unit after re-executing the preview and while the preview image is displayed on the display unit; and
determining whether to continue capturing and processing.

12. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the external image is stored in the storage, the storage is connected to the image processing unit, and the image has the same resolution as that of the preview image.

13. (New) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the image capture device has a camera IC and has a mode where the camera IC directly controls the display unit, and the external image stored in the storage has the same resolution as that of an image outputted from an image output device.